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Copper robbers

Massive delays. Subway mayhem after thieves steal copper wire on A line in Queens. PAGE 02

Copper wire is an attractive target for thieves. / GETTY IMAGES

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Stolen copper cables tie up the A train

Queens. Thousands of commuters were stuck after copper cable was stolen from the tracks in Howard Beach.

The A train disruptions that left thousands of riders stranded Wednesday morning are being blamed on the "massive theft of copper cable" from the tracks near Howard Beach, the MTA said.

About 500 feet of copper wire was stolen from the tracks and power boxes near the Howard Beach Station in Queens on Tuesday night. The wire, estimated to weigh about eight pounds a foot, could net the robbers \$10,000 at the going rate in the New York City area.

"Every railroad has a problem with copper theft occasionally ... so it does happen but it's pretty rare to have this much copper stolen in one haul, and very rare to disrupt service this bad," said MTA spokesman Adam Lisberg.

More costly, to strap-hangers at least, was the widespread rush hour delays on the A and C trains, which carry 775,000 riders a day — 100,000 during rush hour. Service was suspended between Rockaway Boulevard and Broad Channel after 11:22 p.m. on Tuesday, after cables were cut and a northbound A train stalled just north of the Howard Beach station.

About 150 riders hitched a ride back to Howard Beach only after another A train pulled up behind the stalled one, allowing passengers to walk through.

The A train transports about 40,000 riders back and forth from the Rockaways over a 24-hour period, with 3,700 of those during the morning rush.

"Whoever does this thinks it's a victimless crime, they're just taking money from the big old MTA," Lisberg said. "But



MTA crews repair A train tracks near Howard Beach. / MTA NEW YORK CITY TRANSIT / MARC A. HERMANN

By the numbers

500

Feet of copper wire stolen from the MTA

\$10K

Reported worth based on weight and NYC scrap estimate

775K

A and C riders each day

37K

A train riders rerouted on shuttle buses Wednesday morning

for the more than 100,000 who had their commute disrupted, especially the 37,000 crammed on a shuttle bus, this is not a victimless crime at all. This is a serious crime for us."

Transit police were working the case early Wednesday.

Copper wire theft is big business in the U.S. The FBI said in 2008 that copper prices had increased 500 percent since 2001, and organized crime groups were increasingly stealing the metal to resell for scrap. Scrap copper is in demand due to a worldwide increase of using it in infrastructure.

There were 921 insurance claims of metal theft reported in the New York City area from 2011 to 2013, according to a report by the National Insurance Crime Bureau.

In 2013 and 2014, 15 Long Island Rail Road employees were convicted of stealing copper wire worth \$250,000 over three years. Last year, three more LIRR workers were arrested on charges

of stealing copper wire.

Kimberly Lerner, a Nassau County attorney who represented some of the workers, said she didn't think Tuesday's copper theft was an inside job.

"There has never been a case to my knowledge they ever defaced MTA property ... damaged everything or caused any inconvenience to any passengers."

Lerner said the copper culprits are likely looking at grand larceny and criminal mischief charges given the information known so far.



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Twitter gripes

- **@KrasnerDavid:** Anyone who just rode that fun crawling A train (which decided to go local), deserves free donuts and Vodka. #MTA
- **@SavvyAunty:** 30min waiting on the A/C train this AM till we finally gave up &

walked...now 25 min waiting on the R train. What GIVES, @MTA?! #NYCLiving

- **@LeanneGSinger:** Is NYC cannibalizing itself?
- **@itsamandapell:** The A train is experiencing delays. The @MTA suggests I

take 16 busses and a water taxi instead

- **@arinmaya:** This morning's commute b/c the #MTA which, spelled backwards, is ATM - go fig, has managed 2 screw ever-so-skillfully w/ the A train...#fail



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Fort Greene

Brooklyn child care program loses city funds, faces closure

A Brooklyn nonprofit providing child care services to more than 80 families is facing closure after losing city funding.

The Fort Greene Council has run child care programs for over 40



Claudette Macey
MILES DIXON, METRO

years.

There has been uncertainty around its premises, with the city stalling on re-signing their Fulton Street lease.

The latest setback is that their bid for EarlyLearn funding from the city was denied, after another organization outperformed them on the city's funding test.

"It's more of an insti-

tution, rather than just a day care," said Claudette Macey, Fort Greene Council's director.

The group will hold a rally on the steps of City Hall on Thursday.

The Administration for Children's Services, which oversees the EarlyLearn, said they would place the children in other programs.

NIDHI PRAKASH

Repairs to Riverside Park boat basin begin



Groundbreaking for 79th Street Boat Basin repairs

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Reconstruction. The 79th Street Boat Basin, damaged during Hurricane Sandy, will cost \$7.8 million to repair.

everything from active water recreation to 'floating classroom' vessels, and water safety events. As we continue to recover from the devastating effects of Hurricane Sandy, we are reminded how important places like the A-Dock can be to our community."

The boat basin is a docking point for private boats and Pier A was also used for public programs, including water safety events.

"The reconstruction of the A-Dock at the 79th Street Boat Basin will allow the reopening of one of the jewels of the Hudson River waterfront," Brewer said. "It's part of what makes our city unique, and it's an attraction on the West Side that we've missed since Sandy struck."

Repairs on the dock will cost around \$7.8 million, with funding coming from FEMA and the Mayor's Office.

Renovations are expected to wrap up by early 2016.

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More than two and a half years after Hurricane Sandy blew through New York City, damage done to the most heavily used pier at the 79th Street Boat Basin in Riverside Park is being repaired.

The New York City Parks Department, along with Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer and U.S. Rep. Jerrold Nadler, broke ground to officially start the repairs on Wednesday morning.

"The A-Dock at the 79th Street Boat Basin has been one of New York City's most treasured outdoor spaces," said NYC Parks Commissioner Mitchell J. Silver in a statement. "Historically, it has provided visitors with ev-

Riverside Park after Sandy

- Parts of the park under 4 feet of water
- Pavement washed away
- Damaged lights
- Damaged playgrounds
- Dozens of trees destroyed
- Hundreds of trees damaged
- Damaged benches

Source: Riverside Park Fund

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More than 60 victims in Horace Mann sex abuse

Widespread. A new report finds more than twice the number of victims than in the Bronx DA investigation.

A 2013 report by the Bronx district attorney's office rocked New York when it revealed that 25 students were allegedly sexually abused at the tony Horace Mann school, widely regarded as one of the best private schools in New York.

Now, it turns out that there were more than 60 former students who were allegedly abused from the 1960s through the 1990s by no fewer than 22 Horace Mann employees, reports The Wall Street Journal.

The independent nonprofit group Horace Mann Action Coalition, founded by Horace Mann alumni, found more than double the number of victims in the 2013 DA's report, and nearly double the 12 alleged abusers the DA's office found.

The DA's office was unable to prosecute the

alleged perpetrators because the alleged crimes occurred outside of New York's statute of limitations, which stipulates that victims must report sexual abuse within five years of turning 18.

Terry Raskyn, the public information director for the Bronx DA's office, told the Journal that the office will investigate any cases within the statute of limitations.

The report alleges a headmaster, coaches, teachers, a chaplain, a dean and department heads abused children. Horace Mann declined to participate in the report and refused to provide access to relevant documents, but apologized to victims and reached settlements with them.

Horace Mann graduate Joseph Cumming, who says he was abused by a teacher between 1975 and 1977, told the Journal: "[The report] uncovers as much of the truth as could be uncovered given the obstacles that the school has put in the way of those working on it."

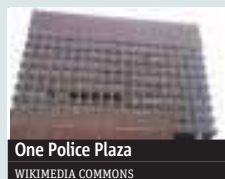


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Fit cops

NYPD personnel chief spent \$60K on Zumba studio in police HQ

A police official spent \$60,000 on setting up a Zumba dance studio in police headquarters, according to a published report.



One Police Plaza
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Deputy Commissioner of Personnel Michael Julian turned an old printing room in the basement of One Police Plaza into an

exercise and dance space, fitting it out with workout mats and flat-screen televisions, the New York Post reported.

When Police Commissioner Bill Bratton was given a tour of the studio he said, "That's not what I wanted!" and ordered Julian to remove the equipment and shut down the room, according to the Post.

Julian has a history of unusual proposals. He has suggested arming police officers with baby oil to separate protesters who link arms, and ordered 10,000 breath mints to distribute to cops to prevent them using foul language. "He would come up with these wacky ideas. We would roll our eyes and move on," a police source told the Post. **NIDHI PRAKASH**

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Top world soccer officials arrested over corruption

Money. FIFA collects billions of dollars in revenue, mostly from sponsorship and television rights for the World Cup.

The world's most popular sport was plunged into turmoil on Wednesday as seven powerful soccer figures were arrested on U.S. corruption charges and faced extradition from Switzerland, whose authorities also announced a criminal investigation into the awarding of the next two World Cups.

A 47-count indictment was unsealed early Wednesday morning in federal court in Brooklyn, New York, charging

14 defendants with racketeering, wire fraud and money-laundering conspiracies, among other offenses, in connection with the defendants' participation in a 24-year scheme to enrich themselves through the corruption of international soccer. The guilty pleas of four individual defendants and two corporate defendants were also unsealed.

The arrests of the senior FIFA officials in a dawn raid at a five-star Zurich hotel mark an unprecedented blow against soccer's powerful governing body. Swiss police arrested the seven officials — all from the Latin American and Caribbean region — and detained them pending extradition proceedings to the



A man jokes about FIFA outside the hotel Baur au Lac in Zurich, Switzerland. / GETTY IMAGES

United States, which could take years if they contest the process. The Federal Office of Justice in Switzerland said that six would contest extradition, but that one person agreed to be extradited.

Separate from the U.S. investigation, Swiss prosecutors said they had

opened their own criminal proceedings against unidentified people on suspicion of mismanagement and money laundering related to the awarding of rights to host the 2018 World Cup in Russia and the 2022 event in Qatar.

U.S. Attorney Gen-

Quoted

"As charged in the indictment, the defendants fostered a culture of corruption and greed that created an uneven playing field for the biggest sport in the world."

James Comey, FBI director

Investigation

Additional arrests likely

U.S. prosecutors said they aimed to make more arrests but would not say whether FIFA President Sepp Blatter, for long the most powerful man in the sport, was a target of the probe. Blatter, 79, is standing for reelection to a fifth term at the FIFA Congress in Zurich on Friday.

The European soccer body UEFA called for the election to be postponed, saying "the European associations will have to consider carefully if they should even attend this congress." **REUTERS**

eral Loretta Lynch told reporters at a news conference in New York her office did not want to impede the 2018 and 2022 World Cups but looked forward to working with Swiss authorities investigating the awarding of the tournaments.

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harrowing flights in a B-24 bomber and somehow made it back to the U.S. Besides the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star, my father cherished this watch because it was a reminder of the best part of the war for any soldier—the homecoming.

He nicknamed the watch *Ritorno* for homecoming, and the rare heirloom is now valued at \$42,000 according to *The Complete Guide to Watches*. But to our family, it is just a reminder that nothing is more beautiful than the smile of a healthy returning GI.



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Five things you need to know

Virulent strain of deadly dog flu heads east

From January through April, doggie docs have feared this moment.

A violent strain of dog flu sickened more than 1,000 dogs in and around Chicago and killed six. And then, strangely, it stalled.

The rate of new infections involving canine influenza virus (CIV) strain H3N2 even slowed. It was a short-lived victory.

Suddenly, H3N2 was on the move, reports Fox and NJ.com., showing up in New York State, New Jersey and Massachusetts.

More than 5,000 dogs have caught the virus, which is generally treatable but comes with a cough, runny nose, lack of appetite and fever.

It is not known how the H3N2 strain was introduced into Chicago,

but it could have been a dog from Asia who was a carrier and did not have active symptoms, said Keith Poulsen, diagnostic and case outreach coordinator with the Wisconsin Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory.

Cook County officials have reported 1,137 cases in the Chicago area with six deaths. While an exact figure for the Midwest is not available, Poulsen believes it is less than 5,000 cases.

About 5 percent or fewer affected dogs die from the more familiar H3N8 strain — mostly older dogs or puppies. Fatalities from the new strain also are expected to be less than 10 percent of animals affected, Poulsen said.

JOHN A. OSWALD



Islamic State sympathizers may have made airline threats

Islamic State sympathizers may have been behind threats in the last two days to international flights using U.S. airports or flying over American airspace, law enforcement and security sources said.

The sources said that after 11 threats were received by U.S. law enforcement officers on Monday, at least four more were phoned in late on Tuesday.

The threats were similar, and the caller claimed the flights were carrying chemical weapons, they said, adding that investigators' theory was that sympathizers of Islamic State were responsible. **REUTERS**

Officials blame Tinder for rise in STDs

Rhode Island is freaking out because STD rates have risen. The state blames hookup apps like Tinder for having a hand in the increase.

CNN reports that "between 2013 and 2014, cases of syphilis grew by 79 percent. HIV infections were up 33 percent and gonorrhea cases increased by 30 percent. STD cases for young adults are growing at a faster rate than the rest of the population."

The Internet has been blamed for aiding in the spread of sexually transmitted diseases before. Craigslist was found to have helped push a 16 percent increase in HIV infections according to an NYU study.

MATT LEE

US military mistakenly transfers live anthrax to lab

The U.S. military mistakenly sent at least one live anthrax sample to a private laboratory in Maryland and possibly sent others to eight other states, a U.S. defense official said.

The official said the samples were meant to be sent in an inactive state for research purposes and added the samples were now believed to be secure.

The Pentagon said there was no public health risk.

It was not immediately clear if anyone in those laboratories might have been exposed before learning they had live, as opposed to inactive, samples. **REUTERS**



U2 manager Dennis Sheehan dies in LA hotel

Irish rockers U2 said their longtime tour manager, Dennis Sheehan, died in Los Angeles, where the band is performing part of its latest tour.

The Los Angeles County Coroner said Sheehan, 68, died Wednesday morning of natural causes at a hotel in West Hollywood. Sheehan's death came hours after the first concert Tuesday night of a five-show run at The Forum in Los Angeles, part of a 20-city tour.

"We've lost a family member. We're still taking it in," said lead singer Bono on the group's website. **REUTERS**



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Judge. Yahoo must face national email spying class action in U.S.

A U.S. judge ordered Yahoo Inc. to face a nationwide class action accusing it of illegally intercepting the content of emails sent to Yahoo Mail subscribers from non-Yahoo Mail accounts, and using the information to boost advertising revenue.

In a decision late Tuesday night, U.S. District Judge Lucy Koh in San Jose, Calif., said people who sent emails to or received emails from Yahoo Mail subscribers since Oct. 2, 2011, may sue as a group under the federal Stored Communications Act for alleged privacy violations.

She also said a class of non-Yahoo Mail subscribers in California since Oct. 2, 2012, may sue as a group under that state's Invasion of Privacy Act.

Holders of non-Yahoo Mail accounts accused Yahoo of copying and then analyzing their emails, including keywords and attachments, with the goal of creating "targeted advertising" for its subscribers, in addition to detecting spam and malware.



Yahoo corporate headquarters in Sunnyvale, California. / GETTY IMAGES

Search and display

79%

In 2014 Yahoo generated 79 percent of its revenue from search and display advertising.

They sought an injunction barring the alleged interceptions as well as damages from Yahoo.

Yahoo and its lawyers did not immediately respond on Wednesday to requests for comment.

Koh rejected Yahoo's arguments that some

plaintiffs consented to its activity by emailing Yahoo subscribers even after learning how it used the information, and that the alleged injuries were too disparate to justify class certification.

She distinguished the case from her March 2014 refusal to certify a similar class action against Google Inc. on behalf of Gmail and non-Gmail subscribers because it was hard to determine which users consented to Google's activity. **REUTERS**

Message glitch

Apple finds bug that causes iPhones to crash

Apple has found a bug that can cause iPhones to crash when a message containing a specific string of text is received. The bug, which

includes symbols and Arabic characters, was first reported by Apple news blog MacRumors on Tuesday night, adding that it was noticed on social news hub Reddit earlier in the day.

"We are aware of an iMessage issue caused by a specific series of uni-

code characters, and we will make a fix available in a software update," an Apple spokesperson said in an email.

Sending a reply message or having someone send you a message can solve the problem, MacRumors added.

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Hundreds evacuated after Texas storms, at least 15 dead

Fatalities. The death toll in Texas was expected to rise, with about a dozen people still missing.

Hundreds of people were ordered to evacuate flood-threatened areas of Texas on Wednesday as storms bringing torrential rains battered the state, where at least 15 people have been killed in weather-related incidents this week, including six in Houston.

People were told to stay away from more than 200 homes in Parker County where the Brazos River was poised to spill its banks about 30 miles west of Fort Worth on Wednesday night, county officials said.

"The river is coming up fast and flowing at dangerous volumes," Parker County Judge Mark Riley

Structures

1,400

Floods damaged about 1,400 structures and snarled transport in Houston, the fourth most-populous U.S. city, where more than a thousands vehicles were trapped in rising water.

told a news conference.

In Hays County alone, nine people were missing after flooding on Monday caused homes to break off their foundations. Three people in the county about 30 miles southwest of Austin were already confirmed dead.

The return of heavy rains was impeding emergency rescue efforts.

"The river is going to start to rise again," said Kharley Smith, the Hays County Emergency Management coordinator. "It is going to shift the previous-



Volunteers search for missing bodies along the Blanco River in San Marcos, Texas. / GETTY IMAGES

ly inspected debris piles."

The body of the latest victim in Houston victim, a 31-year-old man, was discovered near a submerged vehicle, the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences said. His name was not been released.

The storms dealt a blow to air travel in the region with more than 225 flights

canceled as of 3 p.m. at airports in Dallas and Houston, which are among the nation's busiest.

Near Dallas, police evacuated people living near a dam that had threatened to burst due to surging floodwaters. Water had topped the dam and police called on people living downstream to evacuate and

move livestock to higher ground.

There was no damage estimate available for Texas, which has a \$1.4 trillion-a-year economy and is the country's main domestic source of energy, in addition to being an agricultural and manufacturing power.

REUTERS

Theft

US tax data hack traced to Russia

The U.S. Internal Revenue Service believes the theft of about 100,000 taxpayers' personal data from its computer system originated in Russia, CNN reported on Wednesday.

The tax agency's criminal unit is leading an investigation into the cyber attack, in which criminals stole information through an online IRS application over the course of four months, and the Treasury Department's inspector general and the Department of Homeland Security are also looking into the breach, CNN said.

The IRS would not comment on the hackers' identities during a news conference on Tuesday when it informed the public of the thefts.

On Wednesday, the IRS had no immediate comment to the CNN report. REUTERS

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New crayfish species confirmed

Indonesia

The "cosmic" crayfish is now a new species.

A crayfish in Indonesia whose shell color seems to be modeled on a starry galaxy has been confirmed as a new species. The blue-and-pink crayfish, named *Cherax pulcher* ("pulcher" meaning "beautiful" in Latin), was identified by German scientist Christian Lukhaup, whose work was published in the journal *ZooKeys*.

MWN



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Specimens of *Cherax (Astaconephrops) pulcher* crayfish are found in Hoa Creek.

Quoted

"This is the new species that finally has a name. I have spent 13 years to have it finally done!"

Lukhaup, independent scientist from Germany

New study

Your noisy neighborhood might be why you can't lose weight

Living in a noisy neighborhood isn't just bad for your sanity; a new study says it's also bad for your waistline, reports the Daily News.

Researchers from Sweden's Karolinska Institutet found that residents living in areas with dense noise pollution from trains, planes or cars had a 25 percent higher risk of being overweight than people living in quiet areas.

The study assessed 5,000 men and women in Stockholm and found that people living by airports were affected the most, but people living in areas

where they were exposed to noises from trains, planes and cars were two times as likely to suffer from weight issues than people who were only exposed to noise from one of the above.

The authors of the study concluded that noise pollution affects waistlines because people who live in noisy areas do not sleep as well as those in quiet areas due to stress. Poor sleep can lead to low energy, which makes it more difficult to exercise.

Author Andrei Pyko told the Daily News that traffic noise can increase levels of cortisol, which can lead to an accumulation of fat around the stomach area. He advises concerned urbanites to keep the windows shut at night and sleep near a quiet stretch of the road if possible. **ANDREA PARK, METRO**



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Not such a happy anniversary for Ben Affleck



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Ben Affleck and Jennifer Garner's 10th anniversary is just about a month away, but if these separation rumors are true, they won't be celebrating it together. "Ben and Jen are through," a source tells Radar Online. "He's told Jen that he wants the official statement to come out before their 10-

year wedding anniversary on June 29." My math might be wrong, but I'm pretty sure that 10 is the tin or aluminum anniversary, not the divorce announcement anniversary. But maybe times have changed. Anyway, there's said to be a shared \$150 million fortune at stake, so this should be fun.



Thank Miley Cyrus for more 'Grace and Frankie'

Ah, the power of social media. Or, more specifically, the power of Miley Cyrus' social media. Ever the influencer, the singer put out just a single tweet lauding Jane Fonda and Lily Tomlin's Netflix series "Grace and Frankie," and the results were truly impressive. "Let me say, it's so awesome to do a show on Netflix," series co-creator Marta Kauffman says. "Two and a half weeks after we launched, Miley Cyrus does a tweet about your show, and they call and say, 'We'd like to do a Season 2.' So yes, there is a Season 2. We have [Netflix boss] Ted [Sarandos] and Miley to thank." That's awesome, but is it too late to ask Cyrus to tweet something about "Happy Endings"?

Taylor Swift's friends not big on new beau



Taylor Swift seems to be having a fantastic time dating EDM star Calvin Harris, but her pals apparently aren't too thrilled and want her to kick his Scottish bum to the curb. "Calvin's putting on a front now," a pal reveals. "He used to date a bunch of club girls who were nothing like Taylor. If

they ever came forward, it would hurt Taylor's brand," a source tells Life & Style. But Swift doesn't seem too concerned with her friends' concerns. "They are getting very serious, very fast," the source adds. "Taylor has already introduced Calvin to her parents." Well, that was certainly quick.

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Twitter feed

Today, Jamie Chung wants you to get out there, Ellen DeGeneres has a not-so-secret evil streak, Russell Brand has some simple advice and Lena Dunham needs you to stop, OK?

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David Oyelowo is putting on a one man show

Interview. The "Selma" actor has a pretty unusual movie coming to HBO this Friday.

While David Oyelowo might be best known to American audiences for his stellar performance as Martin Luther King Jr. in the epic civil rights drama "Selma," by the time he filmed his breakthrough role he'd already completed work on "Nightingale." The movie, which stars only him and premieres on HBO this Friday, tells the story of the deteriorating mental state of a vet named Peter Snowden as he tries to keep his life together after committing a very brutal act. Oyelowo is virtually unrecognizable

as the same performer who played Dr. King — the only parallel between the movies is that they're both produced by Brad Pitt's production company, Plan B.

The film feels like a play, in that it's a one-man show. Did that have any impact on the process?

I did learn it like a great big monologue. I didn't do what you may otherwise do, which is that you learn your lines for any given scene a couple of days before you actually shoot it. I felt that the level of immersion that I would want to subject myself to in playing this character would mean that I didn't really want to be in the head space of technically learning lines whilst shooting. But then the rest of the experience was that of a

filmmaking one in terms of the nature of the way we shot the film. Because it's very intimate in the way that theater can't be. He's expressing very dark thoughts at times, right up close into the camera, and that employs a very different part of your artillery as an actor than the stage does.

Did you find yourself recalibrating your performance at all, since it's just you onscreen?

I don't feel like I did recalibrate what I would normally do as an actor. It was just doing what felt right and true for playing this particular role. I don't think we did anything that

was technically different than what you would do in any other given film, but because of who he is, the way he expresses himself, the fact that this is a guy who will happily have a conversation with a three-way mirror means that the realms of the orthodox ways of either shooting a film or interacting with another character are kind of out of the window. So you're just doing whatever feels truthful given Peter Snowden's circumstances.



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Famous friends

Colleagues

This is the second time you've worked with Brad Pitt. Do you like similar projects?

It's funny, because we've now had two projects together, but my friendship with him is very much linked to us being dads with lots of children. He has six, I have four, and we get together every now and again and watch our children tear the place up. But yes, we worked together on "Selma," and "Nightingale" was born out of that. While I was doing "Selma," we had already shot "Nightingale" and I showed the film to Dede Gardner and Jeremy Kleiner, who run Brad's company Plan B. ... They saw it, showed it to Brad, and I remember him saying, my goodness, what a thing to go from Dr. King to Peter Snowden. His connection with "Nightingale" was very much from an actor's point of view.

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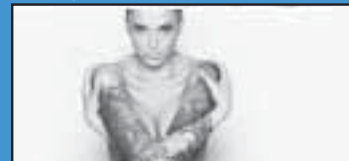
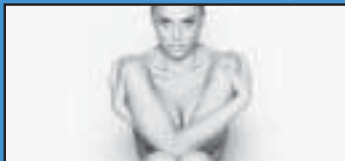
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DRAMA

'Aquarius'

David Duchovny is working on solving a slightly different kind of crime before taking on the paranormal in "The X-Files" again — he's investigating Charles Manson in this '60s-set crime drama.

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TALK SHOWS

'The Daily Show'

Jon Stewart is taking things in a sportier direction for tonight's show — he's having Mets pitcher Matt Harvey on. Think they'll talk about how Harvey just had the worst outing of his career?

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'Twilight'

It's the classic tale: Girl meets boy, boy later admits to spying on her while she sleeps because he's an ageless vampire who doesn't need to

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More than a reunion tour

Music. The Pixies are ready to break out new tunes.

Headlining a massive music festival in their hometown, as they did last weekend at Boston Calling, might seem like a vindication for the Pixies, the seminal rock band taking the stage tonight at Kings Theatre in Brooklyn. Though they were hugely influential for a wide range of bands, they broke up before achieving the domestic success that might have been equivalent to their legacy. But Black Francis, the big voiced lead singer, says he and original members Joey Santiago and Dave Lovering don't think of it that way.

"It's not that we don't understand the hometown thing or whatever, but from our point of view, and it's always been this way from the beginning, when we take the stage, we're not really anywhere. We're in this other space. And hopefully the audience is in that space too," he explains. "It's a pure space. It's devoid of geography, and it's devoid of what day of the week it is, and it's devoid of what time of day the gig's at. It's our show, and that's really where we're at."

That old Pixies feeling

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Res life

The band first formed in the '80s, when Santiago and Black Francis (known by the simpler moniker Charles Thompson back then) met because they lived in the same dorm at the University of Massachusetts. As to the all-important question of where they lived, Black Francis has a ready answer. "We were in a building called Brown, which is in the Sylvan complex," he explains. "A few years ago, I ended up moving back to that area. I live down the street from UMass. It's kind of funny." One might even say it's educational.

of rock music (and whose reunion tour inspired a fine documentary with just that name), Black Francis says that all these years later, they're trying to keep it simple. "We don't have any dance moves, we have very little shtick. We're sort of known for not saying anything to our audience. We're shy."

Shy they may be, but they're taking this reunion pretty seriously. A new album was released in 2014, called "Indie Cindy," and Black Francis seems confident it will feel familiar to fans. Asked what distinguishes an old Pixies song from a new

one, he says, "Nothing, as far as we're concerned. I mean, it's our music, under our flag."

New faces

There is one pretty big change for the band, however. Bassist Kim Deal departed last year, marking the first permanent change to the lineup. Are the Pixies still the Pixies without Deal? It's a tough question, and one Black Francis says the remaining members discussed.

"We had numerous conversations, but at the end of the day, we decided that we liked the

music, and we like the work and we have a kind of — I wouldn't say we're workaholics — but when we have a job, we like to do the job," he explains. "At the end of the day, it's rock music. And so after our initial discussions about what the future held, we decided it's just about music. It's what we do; it's what we know how to do. We're not going to fight that reality."

Stepping in for Deal is new bassist Paz Lenchantin, who also takes over some of the backup vocals Deal did. "She has been truly a blessing to this band. We couldn't be happier," Black Francis

says. "She totally fits in. Her creative contributions are really grounded. They come from a place of experience. She gets us."

They never questioned adding a female vocalist back into the mix. "That's part of our sound, that we have a female voice mixed in there with my own," he explains.

"We like to have contrast. I suppose you could argue the band is pretty much a vehicle for my songwriting, my fronting the band or whatever, but if it was all just about that, I think it's almost a little bit overbearing or something. She balances me out a lot, or that role

balances me out a lot. And it's a beautiful thing that we don't try to overanalyze or think about too much. It's just sort of like, "Duh! You got the dude, and you got the gal." That's a classic."

Quoted

"We're sort of known for not saying anything to our audience. We're shy."

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MS. MARVEL SHOULD GET HER OWN TV SHOW

I've been writing about the new crop of heroines (or new versions of older ones) for a while, but I haven't had a chance to go deep into the stories. This week I got the "Ms. Marvel" trades. Not the old Ms. Marvel. The new one: Kamala Khan, created by editors Sana Amanat and Stephen Wacker, writer G. Willow Wilson and artist Adrian Alphona. She's the first Muslim character to headline her own comic. Kamala discovers she has inhuman genes and can shape-shift. She's a fangirl, naming herself after Carol Danvers, who is now Captain Marvel. She's a teenager who's dealing with real problems. With all the superhero TV shows out there, there is a big, gaping hole, and Kamala Khan should be the one to fill it.

There have been rumors about one show, though they're probably untrue. There are also rumors about her showing up in the Marvel Cinematic Universe. As much as I'd love to see her on the big screen, I don't think smashing her into a superhero film with a thousand others is going to do her justice.

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She's dealing with the things we're all dealing with: sibling rivalry, parental issues, boys, her appearance, being different. I guess that's part of the reason I want to see her on the small screen more than someone like Supergirl. She's great. She's also a stunning blond alien with superpowers who totally fits in. Awkward job or not, she's not that relatable. Kamala Khan is.

Marvel has a great crop of shows out there. "Daredevil" blew my mind. "A.K.A. Jessica Jones" is promising to be as amazing. "Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D." came back from its slump. We have dark and gritty. We have dark and fascinating. I'm happy with all of it. I just wouldn't mind seeing something different. Someone more like

the rest of us. Now, who should we cast?

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Charli XCX may look perpetually hung over, but don't let it fool you. As we found out, she's as smart as she is sassy.

You said this album, "Sucker," isn't the stereotype of sexy, so what's your definition?

It really varies from person to person. I think to feel sexy you have to really feel alive and free and express yourself in the way you want to.

Azealia Banks bought you a dildo and David Letterman gave you a fake cat arm that roars and purrs. Have you received any other odd gifts of late?

My fans bought a pair of jeans and painted really

nice things on them the other day. I also received an inflatable life-size Justin Bieber doll. We took it on tour with us and he slept in my room. Nothing happened, though.

So he's your blow up boyfriend ...

I don't know if I would take it that far. He's more like a team mascot — he's slept around.

You've mentioned your mood swings before. Is anxiety something you've struggled with?

Not always. It just depends on my schedule and who I'm around. If I'm around new people, I get very anxious a lot because I find it difficult to talk to new people and connect past a level of small talk, and that stresses me out. If I'm with my friends and

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people I love, I'm pretty chill.

Apparently you're striving for world domination. What would life be like under your rule?

There'd just be loads of Charli XCX-written songs on the radio. I don't necessarily have to be singing them; other people can sing them. And free champagne for everyone ... all the time.



The entire 100th floor is paneled with windows, offering views of Manhattan, Brooklyn and New Jersey. ALL PHOTOS EVA KIS

Rising above it all

One World Observatory nods to its legacy, but asks that you just enjoy the view.



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There's something about seeing normally chaotic New York City silently spread out 1,250 feet below you, a view that has been absent for almost 14 years. When One World Observatory, at the top of One World Trade, opens on Friday, it'll restore this iconic experience.

To be sure, this is not an extension of the 9/11 Museum — nowhere in the exhibit is the tragedy directly referenced (the airport-style security check is the sole stark reminder). In an oblique nod, visitors enter through a hallway lined with screens showing interviews with everyone from construction workers to executives describing One World Trade as “the most important building in the country” and “the new symbol of hope.”

But then comes a much more elegant reference

to the building's significance. In a room modeled after a cave, the bedrock of 450-million-year-old granite that forms the foundation of Manhattan is left exposed around the pillars of One World Trade. The subtext — strength, permanence — isn't subtle, but it's eloquent.

From there, the exhibit fixes its gaze resolutely forward. The elevators whisk you up in an impressive ascent — from the basement to the 102nd floor in 47 seconds — during which New York City is built up around you in an animated panorama on the elevator's walls.

The doors open not onto the view you're waiting for but a 3-D wall resembling the city's skyline, which serves as a screen for a short street montage that no one pays attention to for all the anticipation. As the music rises, so do the individual panels of the wall to reveal the view.

However, this is not your cue to grab your camera. After the film, you're ushered to an escalator — the 102nd floor is private event space. (This is, perhaps, the most authentic experience tourists will have in NYC.) Down on 101, there are three res-

One World Observatory

One World Trade Center at
West and Vesey streets
\$32 adults, \$26 kids
OneWorldObservatory.com

taurants: a grab-and-go kiosk with a coffee bar, a casual eatery and an upscale dining spot with a bar, likely to be the most popular seats with their uptown view.

The viewing gallery spans all of the 100th floor, and it is impressive, with the soaring ceiling lending a cathedral-like feel. There are a couple of techie toys, but they're competing with an incomparable view. On a clear day, you can see for 50 miles. Looking out is an exercise in both nostalgia and surveying progress, the essence of life in NYC.

By the time you descend — this time the animation is a Great Glass Elevator flight — you wonder why the exhibit felt the need to try so hard. This city has always been a showman, and its talents are on grand display here.



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Restaurant notes

Buzziest new opening: BEC

They say there's no such thing as bad press, and Chelsea's new breakfast sandwich-only spot **BEC** is certainly testing that theory. New York Times food critic Pete Wells panned the concept without even setting foot inside 148 Eighth Ave., but this city has supported less crazy ventures than freshly made breakfast sandwiches at 2 a.m.

Bakba in Bryant Park

Breads Bakery, aka the reason we will never give up gluten, has opened its new kiosk in Bryant Park on 42nd Street and Sixth Avenue. The outpost will serve some of the bakery's sweets like chocolate babka and rugelach, as well as picnic staples like fresh baguettes, sandwiches and salads, and if you're running low on fuel, coffee. The kiosk is open from 7 a.m.-10 p.m. every day.



Chocolate babka, now available in Bryant Park. **BREADS BAKERY**

Nutella Bar returns

Eataly's pop-up shop **Nutella Bar** reopened yesterday, this time to stay. With the blessing of the European chocolate-hazelnut spread empire, it is serving a menu of more than 30 items, plus coffee.

Menu changes

Healthy lunch spot **sweetgreen** has rolled out its early summer menu. The locally sourced, in-season restaurant is now serving a Mexican corn "elote" bowl, a roasted veggie salad with chicken, gazpacho and more. Tiki drinks have returned to the menu at **Underdog**, the Financial District basement cocktail lounge, for the warm weather season. The end of Memorial Day means half-day Fridays aren't far behind, and gastro-social pubs **Proper West** and **Manhattan Proper** are ready with their Summer Fridays Happy Hour. From 2-7 p.m., both venues offer \$5 select drafts, \$6 wines and \$7 well drinks.

Special menus

The Musket Room is celebrating two years in Nolita with a six-course tour of its past, present and future on June 1. The New Zealand-inspired menu is \$85 (add cocktail pairings for \$60); seatings run from 6-7 p.m. and 9-10 p.m.

David Burke fabrick is feeling reflective after its first year, offering a four-course menu (\$80) that pits a popular dish from the restaurant's opening menu against a current favorite from May 28-30. Everyone gets fluke ceviche to start and an individual birthday cake to end.

Listings

COMPETITION

Travis

May 30-June 1
Mark Fisher Fitness,
411 W. 39th St.
\$25, MarkFisherFitness.com
Combining dance, games and teamwork for a one-of-a-kind calorie-burning activity, this competition is the most fun you'll have while working out.

Body & Pole Open House

May 30, 3:15 and 4:15 p.m.
Body & Pole, 115 W. 27th St.
Free with reservation, BodyAndPole.com
Besides keeping your core in shape, aerial work, ribbons, hoops and pole dancing add a performance (not to mention sexy) element to your workout. Find out if you have a career in the rafters (or on the stage) with free classes at the new boutique studio Body & Pole during this weekend's open house.

MUSIC

Ed Sheeran

May 29, 7-9 a.m.
Rumsey Playfield
Free, CentralPark.com
The earnest Brit is giving a free concert for hearty fans willing to camp out for a spot as part of "Good Morning America's" Friday Summer Concert Series.

UNUSUAL

Obscura Day

May 30
Various locations
AtlasObscura.com
Experience the many strange and unusual facets of NYC during Atlas Obscura's worldwide celebration of oddities, with events like foraging with "Wild-man" Steve Brill, "Afterlives After Hours" at Woodlawn



TELEVISION

Saturday Night Live: The Exhibition

Opens May 30
Premier Exhibitions, 417 Fifth Ave., \$29, SNLtheExhibition.com
Aaron Sorkin tried and failed to dramatize the process of putting together a late-night sketch show with "Studio 60." And as great as "30 Rock" was, Liz Lemon mostly just taught us creative expletives. But this new exhibit aims to show what really goes into making "Saturday Night Live," tracing the creation of an episode through its entire week of production with sets, props, videos and photos.

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Asian Burlesque Spectacular

May 30, 8 p.m.
DROM, 85 Ave. A
\$20-\$35 in advance
DromNYC.com
The team behind the New York Burlesque Festival is putting on this tribute to the icons of Asia's burlesque scene, with talent from Los Angeles to the U.K. and Singapore including Calamity Chang, Sukki Singapore and Kimchichi.

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FOOD

Craft Beer Festival

May 28-30
Watermark Bar, 78 South St.
NYCCraftBeerFest.com
Three days of tasting 150 summer brews, meads and ciders over two events: Thursday's Brewmaster's Connoisseur Experience (\$165, 7 p.m.) and the fest on Friday and Saturday in five sessions (\$55), or go VIP (\$75) for an extra hour.

New Taste of the Upper West Side

May 29-30; Columbus Ave. between 76-77th Sts.
NewTasteUWS.com
Let this gathering of over 80 restaurants change your mind about the west side. On Friday, the Comfort Classics block party will pit 40 homestyle dishes against each other, hosted by Adam Richman (7 p.m., \$105 pp, \$185 per couple). On Saturday, taste around the area's fine dining options (including Dovetail before it closes for an overhaul) at Best of the West (7:30 p.m., \$135 pp, \$250 per couple).

POP CULTURE

Vulture Festival

May 30-31
Prices and locations vary

VultureFestival.com

This pop culture bonanza combines music, fashion and entertainment with screenings, panels, performances and more from celebrities and other cultural voices. This year features a Broadway Brunch, a Comedy Night, a Screenwriters Roundtable and other interactive events.

NATURE

OutdoorFest

May 29-June 7
OutdoorFest.com
Want to get outdoors but at a loss about where to start? Get started during a week of activities like camping out in Staten Island, biking over the GWB, sailing the NYC Harbor and fishing on the Hudson, with several happy hour socials to meet fellow adventurers.

CULTURE

Multicultural Fest

May 30, noon-7 p.m.
St. Nicholas Ave., 141st to 145th St., free, Celebrate DiversityCelebrateYou.org
Harlem has a lot of culture of its own, which makes it the perfect place to discover the unique traditions and histories of our diverse community with food, music, dance, art and more.

SPRING

92Y Spring Fling

May 29, 6-9 p.m.
92nd Street Y, 1395 Lexington Ave.
Free, 92Y.org
The season's final Spring Fling is free for all to enjoy, featuring sunset yoga, jewelry design, swimming, open saunas, basketball scrimmages and classes including parkour (with RSVP). There will also be dancing and games, as well as cocktails during a kick-off happy (half) hour. MICHELLE MURPHY AND EVA KIS

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A cruise to Belize offers not just a lovely dose of Caribbean sunshine but a chance to see some spectacular natural and ancient sights.

Belize, which is located next to Guatemala and Mexico on the Caribbean Sea, offers a mix of thick green jungle and white sand beaches. But there are plenty of draws that set this particular country apart from the destinations that are most likely to make up the rest of any Caribbean cruise itinerary.

Here, the lush forest — much of it protected by the environmentally conscious government — is filled with fascinating wildlife like howler monkeys and even colorful (yet elusive) toucans. There are a variety of ways to explore these deep woods, from zipline canopy tours to tubing down rivers, guided boat tours and hikes. There are also various types of iguanas and crocodiles and enough bird species to keep bird watchers content with a pair of binoculars for as long as they're in town. Belize is home to several animal sanctuaries that could be worth a visit as



Tobacco Caye

Where to go

Western Caribbean cruise itineraries often call on Belize City, and this common port is a jumping-off point for a variety of different sites including a variety of Mayan ruins.

- **Altun Ha:** This former Mayan city, about 30 minutes north of the port, contains stone ruins and temple pyramids.
- **Lamanai:** The name means "submerged crocodile" and the Temple of the Jaguar Masks here is surrounded by legend. Many copper artifacts were recovered here.
- **Xunantunich:** Located 80 miles west of Belize City, near the Guatemala border, this site functioned as a ceremonial place for the Maya. It's said to be haunted by the ghost of a woman.

well, and they tend to focus on a single type of animal, such as monkeys or birds.

The coral reef just off Belize's coastline is as much, if not more, of a draw as the country's jungle landscape. Home to the second longest reef in

Trek through Belize's lush forests and you might spot howler monkeys, iguanas and toucans.

the world (right after the Great Barrier Reef in Australia), it's no surprise that diving down into the underwater, otherworldly network of caves and snorkeling are popular pastimes here. Don a mask and fins, and you can look for fish,

turtles and colorful coral.

One of the uniquely appealing aspects of Belize compared to other countries in this part of the world is that off its coast are tiny islands called cayes, a bit like the motu in French Polynesia. Most are uninhabited, and sun worshippers go there to swim in the clear blue water and lie on the sparkling sugar-white sand.

Whatever you decide to see, you will most likely have the option of booking through the cruise line or on your own through an independent tour operator. Be sure to compare pricing and what's included. And, if your tour includes lunch, look for options that offer grilled local lobsters or the sweet fish that swim off the reef. **INSIGHT GUIDES | SHERRI EISENBERG**

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information about offshore birding cruises, hiking and camping, plus a list of guides to help you plan and tour.

The Birding Trail interactive website (www.mainebirdingtrail.com) is packed with information. You can download the 35-page booklet or use the online form to order a free print version.

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Atlantic puffin



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Echoes of the Ink Spots, the glow of neon and “Jetsons”-style motels make the Wildwoods, New Jersey, a lively, living museum of the doo-wop era.

Visiting the Wildwoods is a trip in the Wayback Machine. In the '50s and '60s, the fantasy-themed hotels, garish color palettes and unabashedly kitschy decor identified the trendiest beach resorts. It was called doo-wop, a vocal trend in popular music of the time.

When that fad ended, other towns replaced the unique motels and quirky street life with dull, homogenous buildings and lights. The Wildwoods, though, declared them historic landmarks, and it now has the largest concentration of doo-wop-era motels in the nation, with the colorful neon signs lending the streets a carnival air at night. Encouraged by the Doo Wop Preservation League, newer buildings run with the theme, creating a "Neo Doo-Wop" architecture.



The Doo Wop Experience Museum and Neon Sign Garden tells the resort's backstory and houses salvaged signs and '50s-era artifacts like dinette sets and boomerang tables. The outside garden has a collection of fully restored neon signs. The hour-long '50s Neon Night Tour travels through the unique architectural landscape on Tuesday and Thursday nights. Purchase tickets (\$12 for adults/\$6 for kids) at the museum.

Two doo-wop motels to try are the Caribbean (CaribbeanMotel.com) and the Starlux (TheStarlux.com). A member of the prestigious Historic Hotels of America, the Caribbean has 1950s decor with 21st-century amenities. The Starlux also has that '50s feel and two restored Airstream trailers, if you want to experience retro RVing.

The Doo Wop Diner on the Boardwalk (www.doo-wopdiner.com). Marvis Diner (Marvis

Diner.com) and the Star Diner Cafe (StarDinercafe.com) are "period-appropriate." At Cool Scoops Ice Cream Parlor (CoolScoops.com), you can put a quarter in the jukebox and sip your malt while sitting in a '57 Ford Fairlane or Chevy Bel Air.

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Horoscope

♊ Gemini | May 22-June 20
Make your health a priority. Get fit and begin a routine that promises good results. A challenge will make you look good.

♋ Cancer | June 21-July 22
Take some "me" time. Family or workplace woes should be put on the back burner. Put effort into something you enjoy doing.

♌ Leo | July 23-Aug. 22
Diplomacy will be necessary when dealing with moody individuals. Make positive suggestions. If you avoid being critical or demanding, you will get your way.

♍ Virgo | Aug. 23-Sept. 22
Show everyone how valuable you are by going the extra mile. Helping your colleagues will show your dedication.

♎ Libra | Sept. 23-Oct. 22
Spruce up your surroundings. Getting involved in home improvement or other projects will lower your stress.

♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23-Nov. 21
Enroll in a seminar that will improve your job prospects. The more you invest in your skills, the better the payoff will be. Don't be content with less than you deserve.

♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22-Dec. 21
Money is headed your way, but that doesn't mean a spending spree. Check out ways to make your cash work for you.

♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22-Jan. 20
Helpful advice will enable you to deal with a pressing personal problem. Emotional issues may be overwhelming, but gambling is not the answer.

♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21-Feb. 18
Secure your relationship with someone you love by planning a fun-filled, entertaining activity that will bring you closer together.

♓ Pisces | Feb. 19-March 20
Don't pass up a good deal because of lack of funds. Your services are worth sharing and will help you take advantage of an offer.

♈ Aries | March 21-April 20
Quibbling with those who don't see your vision will be a waste of time. Go with the flow, but keep your goals a secret. Your success will give you the final word.

♉ Taurus | April 21-May 21
An unusual proposition will point the way to a lucrative professional move. The time is right to try something new. **EUGENIA LAST**

Sudoku: Easy and hard

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Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Letters to the editor

The whole picture

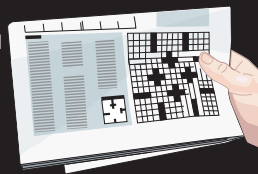
Re: 'People are safer when they see cops as allies, not enemies' (Metro, May 27) Mr. Giarratani's opinion on seeing police as allies fell far short of explaining the whole picture of violence. Many police are honest and sincerely desire the safety of the communities they work in, but when some do not, we cannot condone or excuse them. We pay police to protect us, we don't pay criminals, and so police must be held to a higher standard. And when someone dies in their custody, that is something that must be rectified. The fact that it so often hasn't is one of the reasons for rioting. Secondly, the biggest issue impacting the

safety of communities is gun violence. Yet every time anyone mentions gun reform, it stirs such fear-based rhetoric from the NRA, politicians, etc., that no meaningful discussion can take place. It is not fair to police, and it is not fair to violent communities to ignore the impact that guns have on safety. Furthermore, the narrative that "everything was better in the '50s" is simply not true. Black people were still being lynched — while policemen and others watched! The idyllic picture that is painted by many people about those times ignores the experiences of minorities. Watch "Selma" for a picture of "the good old days" from a perspective different than your own, Mr. Giarratani.

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Crossword

Across

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- 4 Zip or area —
- 8 League
- 12 — -majeste
- 13 Dye-yielding plant
- 14 Column order
- 16 Bonsai and ikebana
- 17 Costa —
- 18 Held sway
- 19 B'way posting of yore
- 20 Astarte devotees
- 22 Violent storm
- 24 Fine powder
- 25 Caveman from Moo
- 26 Delights
- 28 Spanish hero El —
- 31 Robin of balladry
- 34 Fanatic's feeling
- 35 Mr. Moto remark (2 wds.)
- 36 RSVP word
- 37 Porous gem
- 38 Listen
- 39 Prof.
- 40 Leaves in a hurry
- 41 Bothersome
- 42 Brewery tank
- 43 Skip a turn
- 44 Call — — cab
- 45 Remove errata
- 47 Dressed warmly, with "up"
- 51 Martial-arts moves
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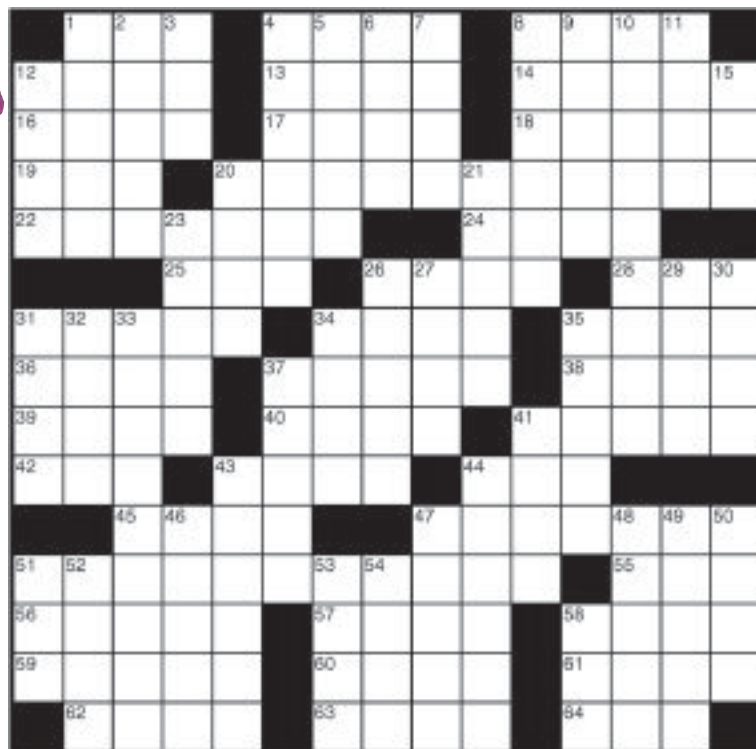
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- 56 Brief sparkle
- 57 Air show stunt
- 58 Champagne word
- 59 "The Divine Miss M"
- 60 Murray or Rice
- 61 Non-soap opera
- 62 Watched carefully
- 63 Assemble
- 64 Lemon cooler
- 1 Happy-go-lucky
- 2 Block, legally
- 3 Mr. Craven
- 4 Drive-in employee
- 5 Leek cousin
- 6 Casino cubes
- 7 Flair
- 8 Traveling show
- 9 "Satchmo" Armstrong
- 10 Opens
- 11 "Muy —, gracias"
- 12 Kind of resort
- 15 LP successors
- 20 Inferior
- 21 Shipboard romance
- 23 Derrick or crane
- 26 Unisex garb
- 27 Thole fillers
- 29 Meryl, in "Out of Africa"
- 30 Fishing boat

- 31 Tel —
- 32 Senhora
- 33 Economy, plus
- 34 Athena's father
- 35 Yet to come
- 37 Keep yakking
- 41 Hutches
- 43 Damaged by hail
- 44 Kermit or Big Bird
- 46 Beatrice's admirer
- 47 Pioneer Daniel
- 48 Wildly dramatic
- 49 Recital piece
- 50 The facts
- 51 Putin's former gp.
- 52 Helm position
- 53 Close-mouthed person
- 54 Make sharper
- 58 Bleat



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J.T. Brown slams into Henrik Lundqvist in Game 6. / GETTY IMAGES

So good, it just had to go seven

NHL. The series has seen a new hero step up nearly every game.

At a stall inside the visitors dressing room at Amalie Arena, Henrik Lundqvist was the picture of both exhaustion and happiness. For more than 50 minutes, he had put on the kind of goaltending display that his name has become synonymous with, underscored by an outrageous glove save on Steven Stamkos early in the match.

Only a flurry of goals late in the proceedings turned what should have been another Picasso masterpiece into something resembling a Jackson Pollock. Regardless, Lundqvist and the Rangers will take the result — and the Lightning — back to Madison Square Garden for one more winner-take-all game Friday (8 p.m., NBCSN).

"The best feeling," Lundqvist told reporters after the Rangers staved off elimination for the fourth time this postseason. "It's really the best.

Even though there's a lot of adrenaline and pressure and you're nervous going into these games you have to enjoy them. I've always said there's nothing better than having a big game in your building, and now we have that."

Indeed, the Garden will play host to Game 7 of an Eastern Conference final that has become predictably unpredictable. Over the fortnight in which the Lightning and Rangers have gone head-to-head, stick-to-stick, cross check-to-cross check, the lone constant has been someone on either side has taken center stage. Early it was Dominic Moore and then Tampa's Triplets line. In Game 4, it was Lundqvist, Rick Nash and Martin St. Louis. Then it was Stamkos and Ben Bishop. Tuesday it was Lundqvist and Derick Brassard, who merely recorded a hat trick and two assists.

So who will be the player who drags his team over the finish line? Who knows?

At this point, the series has become an oddly beautiful test of wills. Yes, the Western Conference

By the numbers

16

Derick Brassard has 16 points in 18 games this postseason, leading the Rangers. Rick Nash has 14 points, nine of which are assists, and Derek Stepan has 12 points. Keith Yandle is fourth with 11 points.

final might be challenging the epochal Devils-Rangers 1994 Eastern Conference final for the title Best of All Time, but this Eastern Conference final has not lacked for dramatics.

And on Friday night, on the biggest stage, the Lightning and Rangers will get to play in team sports' ultimate game.

"I expected our group to get ready, prepare themselves and give ourselves a chance to win this [Game 6], and I think that's what our group did," Alain Vigneault said. "We came out, we capitalized early on our chances. And after that, our goaltender was asked to make some big saves, which he did."

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MLB. Mets homer four times, shut out Phillies to complete sweep

The Mets' offense built on Tuesday night's extra innings walk-off on Wednesday, slamming four homers, including pitcher Noah Syndergaard's first career big-league dinger, in an impressive 7-0 win over the Phillies.

In 7 and 1/3 innings, Syndergaard struck out six and allowed six hits. He went 3-for-3 at the plate, as did Lucas Duda and Daniel Murphy as the Mets compiled 12 hits in the win, lifting them to 27-21.

Yankees 4, Royals 2

The Yankees got an impressive effort from Michael Pineda Wednesday, as the hurler tossed 6 and 2/3 innings of one-run baseball to lift his season record to 6-2 (and the



Noah Syndergaard was just the latest hurler to mow down the Phillies' league-worst offense. / GETTY IMAGES

Yankees' to 25-22).

New York tied the Royals at one-apiece on Brian McCann's solo shot in the second, and took the lead after Alex Rodriguez blasted a three-run homer

in the fourth.

Justin Wilson, Dellin Betances and Andrew Miller came in to shut the door, combining to allow just a hit in relief.

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Bowles nixes idea that Geno is the starter

One week after offensive coordinator Chan Gailey declared Geno Smith as the New York Jets starting quarterback, it was head coach Todd Bowles who walked back the certainty of his assistant's statements. Smith is, in fact, the team's starting quarterback, but that's just for now. To say anything more than that was not on Bowles' mind or his lips.

Last week, Gailey spouted off a bombshell when he announced that Smith would be the team's starting quarterback, this despite the fact that the Jets acquired a solid veteran in Ryan Fitzpatrick this offseason, traded up in the draft to take Bryce Petty, already have Matt Simms on the roster and currently have Jake Heaps in camp as well. There certainly isn't a lack of



Geno Smith does not have the starting QB job locked up after all. / GETTY IMAGES

bodies at QB on the Jets roster, and at least one of those candidates, Fitzpatrick, already has a halfway decent NFL résumé.

Enter Bowles, who made it clear on Wednesday afternoon that Smith is the starter now but that the young quarterback doesn't have an iron-clad grip on the job. At least not yet.

"Chan's very matter of

fact. In Chan's mind with Fitzpatrick being hurt and Bryce just coming in, there's no real competition. But come camp time, there will be competition at the spot. I said it from Day 1: Geno's the first-team quarterback and Ryan's second, Matt's third and we'll get Bryce and we'll get Heaps some reps as we go," Bowles said. "Just like any other posi-

tion starting with the first team, if he's playing well, he's the starter. If he's not playing well, if someone's playing better, as with any other position, somebody is going to play."

Bowles didn't throw his offensive coordinator under the bus, but at the same time he made it clear that Smith wasn't a sure thing to be the Week 1 starter. **KRISTIAN DYER**

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